

COUNCIL GROVE HISTORIC DISTRICT

U.S. Route 56, Council Grove

With abundant water, grass, and timber, Council Grove was a natural stopping place on the Santa Fe Trail. To the west, the Great Plains offered few provisions, so the town became an early supply center as well. It was named after treaties were made between government survey commissioners and the Osage that guaranteed Santa Fe caravans safe passage through the territory. Several well-marked sites and properties associated with the trail are located throughout the town.